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Dear Dr Gray

The box containing the roots of *Lewisia* &c is to hand & its contents in good condition. Many thanks for the trouble taken; also with last consignment of Dr. Parry's which I hope to receive in due course. I mourn over the *Actinellas*! Even half a dozen strong roots would have shown the plant; we shall probably have to wait 2 or 3 years ere the seedling plants

are in fine blood. The cost
of carriage to Boston on the
5 boxes certainly does seem
rather heavy: but I hope
the contents will eventually
remunerate. Let me know
what I am indebted to thee
for all purposes, including
this class of expenses, & the
cost of polygonatum, Dios-
corea &c. I will at once
remit. Does the rose-
coloured variety of *Nymphaea*
odorata grow in thy neighbour-
hood? We should much
like 2 or 3 roots, or

100 if easily procurable.

Pray forgive me if I have asked
this question before, I received
a reply. If so, it slips my
memory.

Believe me to remain
thy frd sincerely
S^r Backhouse

P.S.
I rec^d. a month ago, a letter
from D.^r Kellaggs stating that
he had sent me a box of
Goswite Ferns. They have
never come to hand or been
heard of, & I have written to
tell him that the box appears
to be hopelessly lost. I am
very sorry for it.